

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, November 17,
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Dear Sir

The arrival of Mr. Purviance in the UStates furnishes me with an occasion to make known to you his merit. He was a member of my family for sometime while I was in France, often present in my interviews with the French govt., and always in my confidence while I remained there, so that I speak of him without reserve, as a man of perfect integrity, excellent understanding & rare prudence. He is a man of delicacy & modesty, one with whom it is impossible to become acquainted & not interested in his fortune. What his views are I cannot say but whatever they may be I have felt it a duty I owed him to present him to you in the light in which he ought to be viewed.

You will not forget the answer I am to expect from you on my letter relative to the purchase of land for certain purposes. The legislators will expect a communication from me on that subject. With great respect I am yr. frd. & servantJas. Monroe

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